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TECH NEWS

Remember! Assignments Tuesday, Mar. 28, at 4:30 in News Office.

V-12 Graduates Report from Three Sides Tech Life Is Luxury Compared To This

Strict Discipline, Hard Work Emphasize Change From Students to Men

When the members of Tech's Navy Unit in the Class of '44 graduated last month, they were placed in one of three divisions. One group was sent directly to midshipman school at Columbia University, while a second group was sent to pre-midshipman school at Asbury Park, N. J., where they will wait for openings in other midshipman schools. Another group, composed entirely of civil engineers, was sent to Camp Peary, Va., where they are undergoing indoctrination as Seabee officers.

From these three points, letters have been received here which tell something of the life that may sometime become the life of Tech's present V-12 men.

From what once was a famous resort hotel at Asbury Park, George Williams, '44, wrote, in part:

Down here, everything is definite, you know where you are going, and so far all the rumors have turned out to be true. Soon we'll visit the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and also we'll get day-long cruises aboard minesweepers. We already have begun sighting drill in preparing to use a rifle. We use a gadget called a sighting bar. I actually like it here now. We have vigorous calisthenics, without peacoats on the boardwalk swept by cold sea breezes. Tech's food is better, but compared with this, you live in a sea scout Navy. However, don't ever apologize for the V-12 after your name. Down here it's a mark of respect, and people treat us like kings. . . . Reveille on Sundays is at 0630. We sometimes wear leggings for drill, and always wear them on watch. Above all, they treat us like men around the station. . . ."

Upon arriving at Camp Peary, the Seabee center, Erl Lagerholm wrote: " . . . This is quite a place down here—5 miles away from civilization. We have an eight week course starting on Monday which consists of physical training and schoolwork. After that, maybe we're one stripers (we are now, too). We're having NO liberty for ONE whole month. Gad, what a tragedy! No spirits, no females, no nuthin'. . . ."

Sid Stayman was among some of the luckier fellows, and went directly to midshipman school at Columbia. He writes: "Oh for the good old days at WPI and I never meant anything more in my life. You fellows don't know what a picnic you have there, so make the best of it while you can. We've been running around like mad ever since we got here, and when studies finally start, God only knows what it will be like."

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Most of the Men On 93 List Receive 2-A

The quota system of deferments here at Tech has been in effect now about a month. At first when it was being started everything was mixed up and uncertain. Now, although there is still much to be done, the system has been smoothed out a little by actual use.

The primary purpose of this program is to produce about 10,000 men who are well-trained in scientific subjects, about a third of which are basic engineers. After graduation they will be used in industry or the armed forces as they are needed. This last is extremely vague. The program allows a short time for the graduated engineers to find jobs, but after that they must get deferments on their own if they are to remain civilians.

The system works on the following general plan. The college has a definite quota of deferments. It selects the men who it considers have the best chance of becoming good engineers. These deferments are approved by the National Roster and then go to the local boards.

The selection of the men to be deferred is done as fairly as possible. It is based on the marks of the men and with due consideration as to the department. At present there are a few deferments being saved for men in the present sophomore class who are not yet eighteen but will need deferments before the next graduation.

Some of the men on the "93" list have already received their 2-A cards, and if the local boards follow the regulations they all will. These deferments are to run from four to six months, so that changes may be made on the list if necessary.

All men who are admitted to Tech now are 4-F or only seventeen, and will not need deferments until their sophomore year. By that time the seniors will have graduated and will have left their deferments to those underclassmen who need them. In this way it is hoped that a civilian student body of about a hundred men can be maintained. If for any reason any one of the "93" should leave school or be classified 4-F, then the deferment will go to the next in line.



PROF. CARL G. JOHNSON

Sigma Xi, National Honorary Fratern'ity, Initiates 13 Seniors

Prof. Carl Johnson, M. E. Dept.; Dr. Bullock of Clark, Given Diplomas

The initiation of the newly elected associates of Sigma Xi was held in the Green Room of Alden on March 16. The seniors who were initiated into this national honorary scientific fraternity are Frank C. Baginski, Harrison Bragdon, Joseph D. Carrabine, Carl C. Clark, William P. Densmore, Malcolm H. Hunt, Edwin S. Johanson, Philip S. Koki, Ernest S. Kretzmer, Frederick J. Levitsky, Walter P. Matzelevich, Jr., Charles Oickle, and George Uihlein.

Professor Carl G. Johnson, Mechanical Engineering Department, and Dr. Jesse L. Bullock of Clark University were awarded senior membership diplomas.

This ceremony preceded the joint meeting of the Society with the Worcester Chemists Club in the Janet Earle Room. Charles Owen Brown, designer of the largest nitrogen fixing plant of the T. V. A. System spoke at this meeting on "The Fuel on Which We Will Ride and Fly in the Future."

Dead Line For Peel Contest Wednesday

Date For Oral Battle Set For April 5; Winner To Receive \$75 Prize

The deadline for the Juniors and Seniors participating in the Peel Prize Contest will be noon, March 29, 1944, with the actual time of the contest being April 5. The purpose of the contest is to present a theme for presentation before a group of industrial and practicing engineers of Worcester, who will act as judges. They will consider the speeches from the standpoint of being a real economic problem with a definite engineering background. Also they will consider the solution

Prexy Awards "Navy E" To Swan Farms For 100% Production

Tech's Navy Unit to Put On Gala Show Led by E. Severs

"So This Is V-12" Plus Dancing Free For All

On the night of Saturday, April 15, members of Tech's Navy Unit have planned a big time in Alden for the Unit, and anyone else who would like to attend. The evening will feature a brilliant two hour extravaganza under the direction of Elmer (Monk) Severs entitled "So This Is V-12." Cliff Green will assist with the musical end of the comedy while Chet Snow will handle the stage and lights. Following this show, there will be dancing by the Navy Dance Band. The show starts at 8, and the dancing will be from 10 to 12.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about this amazing production is the fact that the fellows are putting it on without charge. There will be no admission . . . just bring your date for a swell evening as guests of the Navy.

RINGS DESIGN WILL UNDERGO SLIGHT CHANGE

The design of the newly adopted class rings has had to undergo its first major change. It was found that there was too much lettering on the rings and therefore it had to be cut down. Rings for the senior class will be ready by the middle of May. This means that the new twenty per cent luxury tax will be imposed. The price of the rings is nineteen dollars and twenty cents. Since a down payment of five dollars has already been made, the price will be slightly over fourteen dollars.

of the problem which must reveal several distinct advantages over the present one.

Twenty minutes will be given to each contestant in which to deliver his talk, solve the problem, and then use the remaining time in which to answer questions thrown at him by the judges regarding the feasibility of the solution. To the winner of the contest will be given the sum of seventy-five dollars with the runner-up receiving twenty-five.

No Labor Troubles As Eight Hens Lay Eight Eggs Per Day

The eight White Rock hens in Professor Swan's backyard farm have been cackling a little louder than usual during the past two weeks, and for a good reason, too. Yes, sir, they are the proud recipients of a special Navy "E" award for excellence in production. And it would not take too many tries to guess that the presentation was made by our own president, Admiral Cluverius.

After the Norton Company, which is situated just across Indian Lake from the Swan Farms Inc., received a second Navy "E" production award, the eight hens, in characteristic female style, decided they were not to be outdone. They cast envious eyes at the Norton people, but in the meantime they commenced on a rigorous production schedule.

Admiral Cluverius, who is very much interested in natural life, heard of the hens at the Swan farm. Awarding Navy "E's" and speaking in behalf of greater production is not exactly a novel activity for our president, but making awards to chickens is another story. The Admiral set the requirement that each of the hens had to lay an egg on the same day before they could qualify.

They did it! One hundred per cent production in one day. The "E" was presented for a job well done. While no promises of additional recognition have been made in the event of a repeat performance by the hens, it is hoped and expected by the managers of the Swan Farms Inc. that the hens will take the award to heart and keep producing eggs for their morning breakfast. Perhaps they will be spared the fate common to most chickens who slacken off in production; that of appearing as the main course for Sunday dinner.

The Swan farms are managed by Mrs. Swan who was a very genial hostess at a dinner for the S.C.A. Cabinet members the evening that the award was presented. Assisting with the secretarial duties is daughter Polly, while Billy attends to the less glamorous task of providing a pleasant home for the hens and their brood. Professor Swan is only a bystander, he pays the bills.

No comment could be received from the Navy public relations officer concerning the award.

Editorial

Unlimited Hazing Out of Wartime Vogue

As the new school year gets underway, there seems to be much interest about the subject of hazing. Hazing is a well established college tradition in American colleges. The new year has brought many new men to John Boynton's doorstep, including 56 slightly bewildered Freshmen. Naturally all these men are curious about the subject of hazing; they wonder what hazing was like in the past, and why there is no form of it at present. The Frosh want to know how they should regard the Freshmen Rules listed in the "Tech Bible." The upperclassmen, who have been through hazing, become a little reminiscent and perhaps unreasonable in their comments on present day hazing. Well, what about hazing?

In peacetime, hazing does have many worthy values—values often concealed, it is true. However, under war conditions, real hazing offers only disunity, time consumption, and public condemnation. Certainly the upperclassmen will never forget the spirit that prevailed during their hazing periods, with all the songs, cheers, duck waddles, and, not least, the fiery, de-trousering brawls near Sanford Riley. Hazing did without question, make a better college man out of many a Freshman. It inculcated the minds of freshmen with customs and traditions of the school; it taught the timid Frosh to take it, and to be good fellows, and possibly pushed the arrogant type down a notch.

On the other hand, hazing consumed much time, and even under conditions of two years ago, some phases of it called down considerable public and faculty disapproval. At present, it would be unwise to allow such hazing activities. If all-out hazing were allowed, with its over manifested class spirit and contentions, the present unity of the student body would certainly suffer.

However, class spirit and college traditions must be perpetuated. Hazing does saturate the Tech Freshman with school spirit and traditions—traditions which have grown up with Tech—and he is taught to respect them. If these traditions go now, as the result of making W.P.I. only a wartime scab school, who can say how long it will be before they will be brought back to life. Is there any reason why the Freshman Rules, with the exception of No. 1 [concerning wearing of caps], cannot be obeyed? Perhaps the voluntary obedience by the Freshman class would be necessary, with the Sophomores proclaiming the requirements and enforcement, and keeping a watchful eye on the civilian Freshmen. At any rate, it's up to you, Sophs; let's keep these customs alive. Three weeks are gone already.

The flow of energy normally devoted to full-time hazing must be directed into the channels of learning. After all, it's the amount of engineering one knows that tells the story in the end. Yet the carrying on of Tech's traditions, including Freshman Rules, must be fostered and safeguarded. These traditions are especially noteworthy at a school that offers one of the finest and toughest technological setups in the country.

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Shavings From The Mill

Since the last issue, Spring sneaked into these parts under a snowdrift unnoticed by most of us. The traditional marble and baseball season was welcomed here on the Hill with skiis and snowball fights, the first seen in Worcester this season.

The sailors were warned not to throw the snow around but fraternity rules are much more lenient and among the civilians, bruises and lame arms have been the order of the day since Monday.

Mal Hunt learned to his surprise that Switzerland is a very important country in the senior government class last week. It was his contention that the land-locked little country was not contributing much to modern civilization, but a rising shout of protest from the rest of the class met him at every argument. Bernoulli's Theorem and the inventor who discovered the way to put the holes in the Swiss cheese were the points that finally convinced Mal that the country does hold an important place in the community of nations.

Mr. Alexander of the E.E. Department gets the fur-lined loving cup for the boner of the week. He held up a blue, mechanical pencil and asked, "Does anyone recognize this?" As one, the class chorused, "Sure, it's a pencil!"

News item: Stan Thompson bailed out of the Link Trainer in the Aero Lab the other day!

Ernie Kretzmer wasted a tablespoonful of gasoline a couple of weeks ago when he made his first trip to the Alden Hydraulic Laboratory in Chaffins. He missed the turn to the lab and ended up at the WTAG transmitter towers three miles further. That's what happens when an E.E. follows his nose.

Derivation of vibration formulas get rather complicated in Professor MacCullough's classes at times. Saturday morning, he had just crowded the last inch of board space with a formula for a shaft with two discs and then he announced that he would derive the equation for a shaft with three discs. As he began to erase all the boards, Ed Zieve told him that it couldn't be done. When Black Mac asked why it couldn't be done, Ed replied that the room wasn't large enough.

Overheard going out the front door of Boynton Hall: One freshman: "I always thought sophomores were supposed to haze freshmen." Second Frosh: "What's hazing?" (Signs of the times?)

Announcement from the placement bureau says that representatives of the country's large industrial concerns will be arriving soon to interview seniors for jobs after graduation. The dreamers . . .

THE LITTLE SHAVER

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BATTLE TALK REHEARSAL!

Split-second communication in warfare calls for instant understanding—that's why it is so necessary to practice up on battle talk. Navy fliers improve their speech by playing back their own voices on the "Mirrophone," a magnetic tape recording reproducer built by Western Electric.



It also helps Army linguists master tongue-twisting languages like Japanese and Burmese. Designed by Bell Telephone Laboratories for speech training of operators and for weather announcing systems, it is another of the many peacetime Bell System developments now aiding our armed forces.



BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

War calls keep Long Distance lines busy
... That's why your call may be delayed.

Scuttlebutt Harbor

By Bill Grogan

There are a number of fellows here in the Unit who are pretty sharp in one way or another on the basketball court, but, not hitting Varsity or J.V., nor belonging to any fraternity, they never had a chance to play in any real competitive games. These men, however, will get their chance this week in the Unit's first Inter-Company basketball tournament. Eligibility rules exclude anyone who has played in any previous competitive games on this court, either interscholastic or interfraternity. In that way, these fellows who never had a chance before may now put forth their best in some real, serious competition.

Each company is backing its team all the way. To add extra interest to the affair, it was announced Friday night that the company that wins will eat first for a week.

The teams will be organized under

the managership of the company officers. The tournament starts on Thursday, when two games will be played: Co. D vs. Co. B; and Co. A vs. Co. C. The winners of these games will play on Friday night Companies F and E respectively. The games will be played after classes from 4:30 to 6. There has been some talk of a Company championship with everyone in the Company eligible, but so far there have been no definite steps taken for such a tournament.

The good ship Stratton almost sank last week when something went wrong with her boilers. It seems that when the crew tumbled out one morning they turned on the cold water to find it hot, and the hot water to find it steam. It was not long before steam and water were issuing from all parts of every head,

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SPORT SIDELIGHTS

By Paul Kokulis

Well, the kids down the street have their marbles out, and you can bet your life that means the spring is here to stay, and that baseball is just around the corner. Although the Tech schedule has not yet been completed, a sneak preview of the games so far listed shows plenty of promising competition is ahead for the Techsters. Single games with Brown and Middlebury, and home and home games with Trinity and the Seabees team from Rhode Island form the nucleus of the spring schedule. The schedule calls for all Saturday afternoon games, and the opening game, at Tech with Brown, is only a month away.

Regular practice will probably start as soon as the field has dried up a little, while the call for the battery candidates is to be issued very soon, probably within a week or so. With a few veterans back, and with plenty of new talent around, the prospects look plenty promising. Laffey, Simon and Schmit are all back from last year's slick fielding infield, so that Coach Stagg's chief worry right now is to find some capable ball-chasers to take the places of the graduated outfielders.

It's been a long time since any Tech team has beaten a Trinity ball club, and therefore the arrangement for the two games with the Hartfordites is really a Godsend, and gives Tech the chance of seeking double revenge for the past. Last year, a great catch by Molnari off the fence robbed Carl Simon of a sure homer and the game winning run as Tech went down to defeat.

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4-3. In that same game, Ans Fyler, sliding into second in the seventh, broke a bone in his leg and was out for the season, a break that took good hitting and fielding punch from the lineup.

Although chances for a Tech-Holy Cross game are practically nil, Tech's ball players are still hoping that a game may be arranged. The Crusaders, usually a powerful college ball team, don't seem to have too much to offer this year, although it still is too early to sell them short. The February graduation took loads of material away from the Cross, and with the signing of Buster Mills to an A's contract, Coach Barry is going to have his hands full trying to keep up the great record that he has set.

The absence of Rhode Island State from the schedule means that Tech fans will not be able to see one of the finest and fastest teams of New England. Playing the same type of baseball as they do basketball, the Keaney men really put on a good show wherever they play. Going from first to third on a bunt's elementary stuff for these boys, and although they never have been much as far as hitting goes, they always produce plenty of runs by their daredevil tactics and their wide-awake play. The squeeze play is one of Coach Keaney's favorite plays, and several years ago at Tech, this same play nearly produced tragedy. The Staters, with a man on third, had the squeeze sign on. The runner broke for the plate, and the batter, misinterpreting the signal, lined a drive down the third base line right into the head of his mate who was only a few feet from him. This was one of the few times that the squeeze has failed for the clever and cagey Mr. Keaney.

Competition Is Keen In I. F. Meet Thursday

The Interfraternity Swimming Meet to be held on March 30 and 31, promises to be one of the stellar events of the year. The competition between the different teams is very keen, with none of them holding a distinct advantage. Only two men who captured events last year are returning. Dave Hall, who won the 100-yard back stroke for Phi Sig and Frank Holby, of Phi Gam, who took the 100-yard breast stroke.

This meet, which attracts the best swimmers in the school, outside of Varsity or Freshman squads, gets under way with seven events Thursday, starting with the relay race at 4:30 P.M. In addition, the diving, the 40-yard free style, the 100-yard back stroke, 220-yard free style, 100-yard breast stroke and the 100-yard free style are the order of events for the day.

Phi Gam will depend upon Holby, Scott, Norige and Peterson to bring them the cup, while Theta Kap pins their hopes on Laffey, Hogan, Conlin, Blouin and Petrillo to collect the most points. Neumeister, Willard, Hamilton, Brown, Templeton and Johnson will do their best for S.A.E., and Ross and Britton will lead the team for A.E.H.

Hall, Ferguson, Simon, Lawton, Kennedy and Hossack expect to put Phi Sig out in front, while Buck, Marvin and Matzelevich will do most of the swimming for Sig Ep. Bill Lautz will enter a team for Theta Chi and A.T.O. has Maloney, Farwell and Hayward to form a team with. Lambda Chi has a full squad consisting of Ure, Swicker, Woodsum, Anschutz, Peters, Grout and Fitzer.

With these fellows slated to swim, an exciting meet is inevitable.

Last Physical Fitness Results Show Unit Up 30% Since July 1

TKP and SPE Tied For First In I. F. League

Larry Stewart Leads Scoring Battle; Riedel Giving Close Chase

With the completion of two more weeks of Interfraternity Basketball, Theta Kappa Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon are deadlocked in the first place with Alpha Tau Omega running a close second. The coming week will decide the issue when T.K.P. meets S.P.E. on Monday and A.T.O. on Wednesday. Should S.P.E. win on Monday, they still have the scrappy P.S.K. team to overcome on Wednesday. In the meantime, A.T.O. encounters A.E.P. on Monday.

The high scorers have changed completely with Larry Stewart, A.T.O., now leading with 58 points. He is closely followed by Alan Riedel, S.P.E., with 56 points. In third place is Sam Ringel, an A.E.P. freshman who deserves a lot of credit for his 53 points.

The standings as of March 25, are:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
T.K.P.	6	0	1.000
S.P.E.	6	0	1.000
A.T.O.	5	1	.833
P.G.D.	4	3	.571
P.S.K.	4	3	.571
L.C.A.	3	4	.429
A.E.P.	1	6	.142
S.A.E.	1	6	.143
T.X.	0	7	.000

M. E.'s Edge E. E.'s In Close Inter-Dept. Hoop Contest

Fleit, Duffy Set Pace As Foundrymen Vanquish "Ernie's Boys," 33-31

A week ago Saturday the outstanding rivalry on the campus finally came to blows with the Mechanics edging out the square root of three Electrics. This riot was a basketball game in which there were several injuries. The foundry-men held on longer than the fighting electrics to come out on the top end of a 33 to 31 victory. With the lip-stick covered cigarmen led by their manager "Ernie" giving off plenty of chuckles, there was never a dull moment. These spirits, however, weren't enough to overcome the keen playing of Hal Fleit and Bob Duffy. As there was plenty of Boynton brew wagered on the game, friends were easily made among all after the game.

New Record of 83 Set by Lacedonia

At the end of last term, the Navy Unit underwent its fourth Physical Fitness test. This latest test showed a 4.1 point improvement over the average in the December test. Of the 279 men tested, the average score was 67.8. This is 19.1 points higher than the Unit's average last July.

Mauro Lacedonia set a new Unit record in the February test when he hit an 82 point average. This is one point better than Jack Brown's previously established record of 81. In building up this high score, Mauro did 47 squat thrusts per minute for 98 points, 206 sit-ups for 100 points, 47 push-ups for 73 points, 70 squat-jumps for 77 points, and 13 pull-ups for 62 points. Stan Thompson was the second highest man in the Unit with an 80 average. In all, there were 107 men with averages above 70, 155 between 60 and 69, and 16 between 50 and 59.

Four new Unit records were established in the individual events. Bob Adams set a new record in pull-ups, with 25. He also was top man in this test with 58 squat thrusts per minute. All of the following are new Unit records: 60 push-ups by Russell Smith; 150 squat jumps by Miczyalaw (Micky) Wacławek; and 207 sit-ups, by Broneslaw Stasiowski. Some others high in the sit-up event were Lacedonia, with 206, and Haltunen and Petrillo, each with 205.

If you would like to see where you stand, here are the averages for the old Unit: 43.9 squat thrusts; 70.8 sit-ups; 31.6 push-ups; 65.4 squat-jumps, and 9.7 pull-ups.

In the swimming pool, there were, of the old men, 163 first class swimmers; 128 second class swimmers, and 21 in third class. There were no non-swimmers. The next regular P. F. Test will be held near the end of April.

Last week, the fellows new to the Unit underwent their P. F. test, and the average of this group turned out to be 53. This perhaps looks rather low compared with the old group's average of 68, but it must also be remembered that the P. F. average on the first test taken by this Unit last July was only 49.5. The highest man in the new group was Jones of Ohio Wesleyan, who hit a 75.

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The Greek Column

Alpha Tau Omega

Gamma Sigma held an informal dance in honor of its pledges on March 25th. Mal Hunt and his "Boyntonians" furnished the music. Dr. and Mrs. John H. Schultz chaperoned the affair and a fine time was enjoyed by everyone.

"Hell Week" will begin March 28th. Those who will be going through it will be Dick Bartlett, '48, Larry Borst, '48, Bob Handyside, '48, Bob Farwell, '46, and Howie Shepard, '46.

Graduates Jack Robinson, Dave Haight, and Einar Eriksen of the class of '44 have received commissions in the United States Navy and visited the house over last weekend.

Alpha Epsilon Pi

Alpha Epsilon Pi has acquired a new pledge in the form of a beautiful collie. "Bobby", as he is called, will soon be a familiar sight on the campus.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

On Saturday, March 18, Sigma Phi Epsilon held an informal pledge dance. A large crowd attended and an enjoyable time was had by all. Members of Theta Kappa Phi also attended with their girl friends. A party has been planned for Saturday, April 1.

Phi Sigma Kappa

A sudden wave of industry has struck the brothers in the past few weeks. All the floors on the first floor have been sanded down, varnished, and waxed. Some of the brothers have also undertaken to paint the woodwork on the third floor, and varnish the floors in the annex.

A pledge dance will be held in honor of the new pledges next Saturday, April 1st. Herb Slaughter and Will Adams are in charge.

Lambda Chi Alpha

Pi Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha held a house dance called the "Spring Frolic" at the chapter house last Saturday night. Professor and Mrs. Raymond Houston acted as chaperones. The dance was well attended with the Navy well represented. All arrangements were under the guidance of Roland W. Ure, Jr., social activities chairman.

Charles Cooper, of the class of '44, is now an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. Several of the other graduates are now awaiting their calls to either the service or to position in industry.

THE RED CROSS

IS AT HIS SIDE!

Be There With Him!

Scuttlebutt Harbor

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and it started raining in the halls. The building was full of would-be engineers of all types, but it might as well be full of hay. The trouble was eventually fixed and life went on as usual.

Last week the Unit was paid, or at least most of the Unit since the new men have to wait a spell.

Originally, three dance invitations were extended the Unit for last Saturday night, including Framingham State Teachers, Worcester State Teachers, and Salter Secretarial School. The latter event, however, was later cancelled. It can seldom be said, that Tech ever promises to attend an affair and then doesn't show up. In fact, it is usually the opposite which happens. When asked in muster, "How many are going?" everyone cranes his neck to see what will happen, and about four raise their hands. Then the dance comes, and the place is crowded. There seems to be some mental barrier against signing away a Saturday night on Wednesday.

In the Red Cross drive last week, Tech's Unit gave a total of over \$205.00. Captain Davis gave an official "Well done!" in praise of this excellent showing in behalf of this great American organization.

—It was wondered why, with snow so deep everywhere last week, there was so little on Stratton's windowsills. It must have drifted into the rooms and over the partitions.

—Bugle calls have taken a new tone on the fourth deck of Sanford Riley, where the soothing strains of Considine's violin pick them up and accompany them to the rooms.

—Monk Severs assures us that it will be perfectly safe to bring dates to his show which is coming up the 15th of April. "So This Is V-12", as written, at least, shows some of the finer points about inland Navy life, with no mention to be made of trips to the great seaport town, Boston. That show and dance (especially since there is no charge) is really something worth looking into for a big Saturday night, the 15th.

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Tidbits

There was a special meeting of the Tech Council on Monday, March 27, in the Green Room of the Alden Memorial at 4:30 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting was the discussion of the freshman-sophomore rivalry. Please note the editorial on freshman-sophomore relations in this paper.

On Friday, March 31, the A.S.M.E. will meet in the Janet Earle Room at eight o'clock. The speaker will be Professor Charles L. Tutt, Princeton University and A.S.M.E. Staff, who will have as his topic, "Production Engineering."

For freshmen only: The All-Freshman Dance will be held on Friday, March 31, in the Janet Earle Room from 4:30 to 6:00 o'clock. The music will be furnished by that well-known musician, the vic. Refreshments will be served. Both civilian and Navy freshmen are invited in order to give each group a chance to get acquainted with the other. Between fifty and sixty Worcester girls from around the college will attend the dance. The dance is being sponsored by the Freshman Advisory Committee. Members of the group are: Professors Downing, Locke, Petrie, Price, Scheifley, Wellman, and chairman Paul Swan. It will be chaperoned by some of the committee members and their wives.

Trend of the times: Last Thursday the representatives of Revere Brass visited Worcester Tech to start interviewing both Navy and civilian students for the post-war jobs. It was undoubtedly one of the earliest interviews ever granted to the college students, since the seniors had completed only a scant three weeks of their final year. More interviews are forthcoming. Watch the TECH NEWS for the future announcements.

There will be a meeting of the Newman Club in the Janet Earle Room of the Alden Memorial at 7:15 o'clock on next Tuesday, April 4, at which time election of officers will take place.

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"On and Off the Record", a regular TECH NEWS feature devoted to the analysis of developments in the musical field will no longer appear in this paper. Jack Saunier, the originator of the column, has entered the service of the U. S. Army. Good luck, Jack!

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Glee Club Calendar Includes Concert at State Teachers'

Cliff Green, New Faculty Advisor, Replaces Dean Howe As Singer's Guide

The Glee Club calendar for the next month was outlined by Director Clifford Green at an informal meeting held in the Janet Earle room on Friday March 10. The most important engagement on the docket for the group is the concert at the Women's State Teachers' College which is to be given at the College in Framingham on March 31. There will be a social program after the concert which will probably consist of dancing at the school.

Among the other highlights of the spring program is the annual concert given in Alden Memorial Auditorium, which is slated for the latter part of April. Later in the season, a joint concert will be held with Simmons College, but the date, as yet, is undecided.

President Cluverius has appointed Mr. Clifford Green as faculty advisor for the club to replace Dean Howe, who has resigned from the position as a result of extra work. Mr. Green is now a member of the Economics Department and has been director of the club for some years.

The Glee Club meets on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Janet Earle Room of Alden Memorial. Right now the main activity is learning the songs for the future concerts, and tryouts, which are still being held.

SPEAKER FROM WEST. ELEC. AT A.I.E.E. MEETING

Mr. W. I. Bendz, Supervisor of the Industrial Consulting and Application Division of the Westinghouse Electric Company, gave a very interesting talk on the subject of "Electronics at Work" last Thursday evening. The functions of the electronic tubes were first explained in a sound film entitled "Electronics at Work." After this, Mr. Bendz explained exactly how these miracle tubes work in industry. A number of slides served to clarify their working principles. At the end of his talk Mr. Bendz could not resist the temptation to show electronics at play when he proceeded to light an electric light with a match and then to blow it out with his breath.

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All the Engineers are stationed aboard the Prairie State, which used to be the old battleship Illinois before it was turned into a training ship. . . . If you think the living quarters are crowded in Stratton you ought to see us here. I used to have six roommates.—I now have about 100. . . . The discipline is terrific, and you have to be as neat as a pin at all times. They are very efficient, and have everything scheduled so that things run off like clockwork. There is no such thing as being late to anything. The thing I miss most is the opportunity to lie down on my bunk, like I used to do at school. Here we are not allowed to even touch our bunks from the time we get them made in the morning until we go to sleep at night—except between 1700 and 1745. This three-quarters of an hour is our only free time. For the first three weeks we remain apprentice seamen and we are restricted to bounds during that time. Bounds are between 125th and 145th streets, and the River east to Broadway. The first day we were issued blue flannel shirts like the chiefs wear, with a black tie. For a coat we wear an officer type raincoat with a blue overseas cap.

As far as studies are concerned, the Tech graduate should have no trouble at all. Courses involve subjects taken in the Junior year for the most part, so study to learn especially Thermo and E. E. Reveille is at 0600 and taps at 2200. . . . We only have gym twice a week, but we have exercises every morning. . . ."

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